

1-1 By: Paxton, Estes S.B. No. 677
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2013; February 25, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
 1-4 March 11, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 11, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to the electronic recording of proceedings in a statutory
 1-17 probate court in Collin County.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Section 25.0453, Government Code, is amended by
 1-20 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-21 (g) The judge of a statutory probate court may, unless a
 1-22 party objects, provide that a proceeding be recorded by a good
 1-23 quality electronic recording device instead of by a court reporter.
 1-24 A stenographic record of an electronically recorded proceeding is
 1-25 not required except on order of the judge. If a recording device is
 1-26 used, the court reporter is not required to be present to certify
 1-27 the record. The judge may designate one or more persons to act as
 1-28 the court recorder and shall assign to a court recorder the duties
 1-29 and responsibilities necessary to act in that capacity.

1-30 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-31 to a proceeding commenced on or after the effective date of this
 1-32 Act. A proceeding commenced before the effective date of this Act
 1-33 is covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective
 1-34 date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
 1-35 purpose.

1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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